

Wanderers too slick for Finchley in third trial

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Finchley 1

THE Wanderers gained a well-deserved win against Finchley after some good second-half football in their third pre-season trial match at Loakes Park on Saturday.

In a sometimes scrappy, sometimes exciting game, Wycombe finished strongly to flummox Finchley with a display that belied the advancing years of some of the players and reassured supporters about prospects for the new season.

They suffered a set-back in the 15th minute when referee Mr. A. J. Dalrymple awarded the visitors a penalty after a handball from left-half Charlie Gale. Finchley's left-winger, Pat Duggan, had Maskell going the wrong way as he opened the scoring on their behalf.

The goal stirred a flurry of activity by Wycombe and Beck and Horseman went close to scoring.

Although the Wycombe attack

began to get on top at this stage it took a penalty by Horseman in the 40th minute to put the teams on level pegging.

NO CHANGES

Manager Barry Darvill made no changes in the home team for the second half—even though 16 names were listed as players on the programme—and it proved a wise decision.

Apart from one or two abortive attacks spearheaded by centre-forward Roy Harris, and right-winger Chris Bristow, Finchley never had

a look-see after the interval. The shovel hands of John Maskell and the tenacity of half-backs Barry Baker, Vic Faulkner and Charlie Gale saw to that!

Meanwhile the Wycombe forwards were pressing home with the advantage of both experience and pace.

A third penalty only two minutes after the re-start gave Horseman his second goal of the match. Then Wycombe went on to prove that they could win the game without the aid of spot-kicks with a flying header from inside-right Roystone, off a well placed cross by Len Worley.

Wycombe Wanderers—J. Maskell; I. Rundle, J. Beck; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Worley, P. Roystone, K. Samuels, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.